



Community Technology Report - October, 2012

- Get Online Week is set for Dec 3-8
- Technology Access Foundation (TAF) completed their Tech Matching Fund project, helping 78 kids in grades 1-8 learn essential – and fun – tech skills. This also helped them qualify for Families and Ed Levy support.
- We are co-sponsoring an Oct 11 forum on diverse community online engagement, 4:30-6:30 at Beacon Hill Library, w/ E-democracy.org and Seattle Foundation
- October Brainstorm eZine launched

Get Online Week: The date's been set for Dec 3-8. The theme is "family." Participants in planning this year include the North Seattle Family Center and Seattle Public Library. Vicky is leading the organizing.

Technology Access Foundation (TAF) successfully completed their 2011 Technology Matching Fund (TMF) grant. They used TMF funds to support their TechStart program in the Columbia City neighborhood. TechStart helped 78 youth in 1st-8th grades learn to use computers and technology, and helped them excel in science, technology, engineering and math. The key accomplishments of the grant include teaching kids as young as 6 how to program robots, and reaching entire families through our program: one family, for example, had 3 children in TechStart this year, ranging from 1st to 8th grade. TAF's participation in the City of Seattle Families and Ed Levy—which they qualified for based on their success in this project—means that we will be able to reach even more students by engaging with them during the school day.

Community Engagement Online for All, Oct 11th 4:30-6:30 @ Beacon Hill library

This is a workshop and discussion for community and neighborhood groups to exchange info about challenges and best practices and tools for foster diverse online engagement. We're pushing the marketing out now. About 30 are signed up so far. Rsvp at <http://seattleneighbors.eventbrite.com>

The gathering will be facilitated by Steven Clift at Minnesota-based E-Democracy.org whose BeNeighbors.org effort is working to host community spaces that are reflective of the great diversity of residents who live in an area. They are in town for the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation national conference <<http://ncdd.org/events>> . We're taking advantage of the conference to gather a dynamic mix of local and national participants to learn from each other.

Community Engagement – STEM & Immigrant/Refugees

- Delia worked with our partner SDK Bridge to invite organizations serving immigrant and refugee youth for a meeting on Friday Oct 6th to gauge interest in collaborating on classes for youth that combine technology and cultural education. Washington STEM is hosting the meeting.
- Six immigrant and refugee serving groups have been invited to participate in a focus group on October 12th at Yesler CC as part of our project to improve support for integrated ESL/ABE and tech education.

Community Education, Boost Seattle Communities Online

- Vicky held a Boost Grantee Networking session on Tuesday, September 25 hosted by Boost grantee 206Zulu. Seven grantees, staff and CTTAB Get Engaged member, Dana Lewis, shared their progress on completing their projects, a sharing of useful resources and requests for future networking sessions. At the next Grantee Networking session scheduled for later this month, we will have a short demonstration on the use of Facebook for promoting community/neighborhood events presented by Dana.

October Brainstorm Launched

- The October issue of Brainstorm launched on October 3. Featured this month are the Evergreen Apps contest winners, Grammy-nominated entertainer Dwele's guest appearance at Aki Kurose Middle School which DoIT co-sponsored, 2012 online Living Voters Guide, announcement of the Mayor's 2013-2014 Proposed Budget, and much more. View it here at: <http://www.seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm>

Seattle Public Schools

- Derrick is working with SPS staff to enable the cable broadband connection at High Point Community Center to also serve their Interagency classrooms there.